

Private Law 90-317

August 8, 1968
[H. R. 12119]

AN ACT

For the relief of Joseph M. Hepworth.

Joseph M.
Hepworth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Joseph M. Hepworth, Chief Personnel Man, United States Navy (retired), of La Mesa, California, is hereby relieved of liability to the United States in the amount of \$1,823.45, representing overpayments of disability retired pay made to him by the United States through administrative error from February 1, 1954, through June 30, 1964. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, credit shall be given for amounts for which liability is relieved by this Act.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said Joseph M. Hepworth, an amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts paid by him, or withheld from sums otherwise due him, in complete or partial satisfaction of the liability to the United States specified in the first section of this Act. No part of the amount appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

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AN ACT

For the relief of Adel Lessert Bellmard, Clement Lessert, Josephine Gonvil Pappan, Julie Gonvil Pappan, Pelagie Gonvil Franceour de Aubri, Victore Gonvil Pappan, Marie Gonvil, Lafleche Gonvil, Louis Laventure, Elizabeth Carbonau Vertifelle, Pierre Carbonau, Louis Joncas, Basil Joncas, James Joncas, Elizabeth Datcherute, Joseph Butler, William Rodger, Joseph Cote, four children of Cicili Compare and Joseph James, or the heirs of any who may be deceased.

Adel L.
Bellmard and
others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the persons determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be the heirs of the following named individuals their proportionate intestate share of the amount shown opposite their ancestor's names:

Adel Lessert Bellmard	\$3, 200
Clement Lessert	3, 200
Josephine Gonvil Pappan	3, 200
Julie Gonvil Pappan	3, 200
Pelagie Gonvil Francoeur de Aubri	3, 200
Victoire Gonvil Pappan	3, 200
Marie Gonvil	3, 200
Lafleche Gonvil	3, 200
Louis Laventure	3, 200
Elizabeth Carbonau Vertifelle	3, 200
Pierre Carbonau	3, 200
Louis Joncas	3, 200
Basil Joncas	3, 200
James Joncas	3, 200
Elizabeth Datcherute	3, 200
Joseph Butler	3, 200
William Rodgers	3, 200
Joseph Cote	3, 200
Four children of Cicili Compare	
First	3, 200
Second	3, 200
Third	3, 200
Fourth	3, 200
Joseph James	3, 200

The amounts paid under the authority of this Act shall be paid in full and final satisfaction of all claims of the named individuals or their heirs against the United States based upon the loss of Indian lands included in the twenty-three halfbreed Kaw allotments granted the above named individuals under article 6 of the treaty of June 3, 1825 (7 Stat. 244) in the Territory of Kansas and in full satisfaction of any claims of the original allottees or his heirs for the consequent loss of use of the land.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to determine the heirs at law of the above named individuals in accordance with the laws of intestate succession of the State of Kansas and his determinations as to heirship and entitlement under this Act shall be final and conclusive. Persons asserting rights to share in the distribution of amounts as provided in this Act as heirs of the persons named in section 1 shall file their claims with the Secretary of the Interior within one year of the effective date of this Act and in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. In the event that the Secretary determines that any of the individuals named in section 1 had no living heirs at law on the effective date of this Act, he shall make a formal determination of this fact, and his determination of the absence of heirs at law shall be final and conclusive as of the date of the expiration of the time for the filing of claims under this Act. Upon determination of heirship as provided for herein, the Secretary of the Interior shall certify the names of the persons entitled to payment to the Secretary of the Treasury together with the amounts he has found to be due in each instance and his determinations as to the amount and person entitled to receive it shall be final and not subject to appeal.

SEC. 3. The amounts paid under the authority of this Act are to be free and clear of any obligations, debts or claims of the original allottees or any successors in interest and are not to be subject to State or Federal taxes.

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